

2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20037-3213

T 202.293.7060
F 202.293.7860

www.sughrue.com

 Sughrue

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC

John H. Mion, P.C.

T 202-663-7901
jmion@sughrue.com

November 4, 2003

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

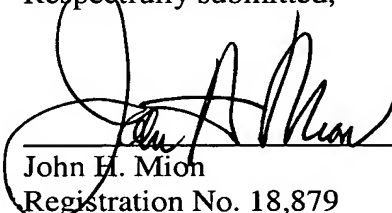
Re: Application of Heinz FOCKE of Verden, Germany;
Dietrich BELOW of Verden, Germany; and
Kurt MEYER of Verden, Germany
**PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CHECKING ROD-LIKE
ARTICLES, IN PARTICULAR CIGARETTES**
Assignee: FOCKE & CO. (GmbH & Co.)
Our Ref: Q-78288

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including seventeen (17) pages of specification including twenty-one (21) claims, an Abstract of the Disclosure and six (6) sheets of formal drawing (Figs. 1-6). **The filing fee, together with the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, will be submitted at a later date with the other required fees.**

Priority is claimed from November 12, 2002, based on German Application No. 102 52 913.2. **The certified copy of the priority document will be submitted at a later date.**

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Mion
Registration No. 18,879

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037-3213
(202) 663-7901

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: November 4, 2003

17858 U.S.PTO
10/700059



13281 U.S.PTO